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CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF PIPELINES, ROADS AND OTHER
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REQUEST EMBASSY PASS FOLLOWING LETTER TO IVANTSOV WITH COPY
TO KAZAKOV:

AUGUST 23, 1978 02.05-2105

DR. O. M. IVANTSOV
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MINISTRY FOR CONSTRUCTION OF PETROLEUM AND GAS INDUSTRY
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DEAR DR. IVANTSOV:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR RECENT LETTER. I AGREE IT IS UNFORTUNATE

THAT WE HAVE THUS FAR BEEN UNABLE TO ARRANGE A SATISFACTORY TIME FOR A VISIT TO THE US OF SOVIET PIPELINE SPECIALISTS. YOU HAVE SUGGESTED THAT THE VISIT TAKE PLACE IN SEPTEMBER; WE FIND, HOWEVER, THAT NOVEMBER IS THE MOST SUITABLE MONTH FROM OUR STANDPOINT. LET ME THEREFORE SUGGEST A COMPROMISE: THAT IS, WE PROPOSE THAT THE SOVIET DELEGATION VISIT THE US OCTOBER 15-29.

ALTHOUGH YOUR LETTER OF JUNE 27 INDICATED THE NAMES OF THE SOVIET DELEGATES, I WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST THAT THE GROUP INCLUDE AN ENVIRONMENTALIST AS WELL. THE INCLUSION OF SUCH A DELEGATE IS OF PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE TO THE SUBSTANCE OF THE PROGRAM WE HOPE TO DEVELOP FOR THIS VISIT.

PLEASE LET ME KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, AND IN ANY EVENT NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 15, WHETHER THE PROPOSED OCTOBER 15-29 DATES ARE ACCEPTABLE TO YOU. I MUST EMPHASIZE THAT WE WILL BE UNABLE TO ACCOMMODATE A VISIT AT ANY OTHER TIME THIS YEAR.

I LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU SOON.

SINCERELY,

RON SKOOG CHRISTOPHER

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